

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

In enterprise computer environments involving sensitive data, it is important that security policy decisions be made and be approved by the appropriate individuals owning the particular policy decision, rather than relegating this function to computer operators. These policy
5 decisions often include the approval of specific programs to act on behalf of the enterprise, exposure of cryptographic secrets, and others affecting risk. The present invention enforces the separation of the functions of computer operator and policy decision owners.